

**Senate File 2253 - Introduced**

SENATE FILE 2253  
BY COMMITTEE ON NATURAL  
RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 3162)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act requiring the department of natural resources to conduct  
2 pheasant studies, contingent on outside funding, and  
3 including a repeal.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 481A.6B Pheasant population studies  
2 — reports.

3 1. The department, in cooperation with private and public  
4 partners, shall conduct a multiyear study to determine the  
5 effectiveness of stocking wild or first-generation pheasants  
6 in the state.

7 2. The department, in cooperation with private and public  
8 partners, shall stock wild or first-generation pheasants  
9 in an area with suitable pheasant habitat that has a very  
10 low or no wild pheasant population. The rate at which the  
11 pheasant population changes over time in the stocked area shall  
12 be compared to the rate of change in another area where no  
13 pheasants have been stocked. Both areas shall be located in  
14 the southern half of the state. The results of the study shall  
15 be published and made available to the public at the conclusion  
16 of the study.

17 3. The department shall collect a sufficient amount of new  
18 data as is necessary to confirm or revise population parameters  
19 used by the department to predict pheasant population change.  
20 A report discussing the data collected and the changes made to  
21 the department's pheasant population prediction model, if any,  
22 shall be submitted to the general assembly and made available  
23 to the public by December 31, 2015.

24 4. The department, in cooperation with an institution under  
25 the control of the state board of regents, shall also conduct a  
26 study to determine the economic impact of pheasant hunting in  
27 Iowa. The study shall focus on the impact to rural areas of the  
28 state and to small communities. A report on the results of the  
29 study shall be submitted to the general assembly by December  
30 31, 2014.

31 5. The duties imposed in this section are contingent on  
32 the receipt of outside funding by the department sufficient to  
33 cover the costs associated with the studies required.

34 6. This section is repealed June 30, 2018.

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EXPLANATION

1 This bill requires the department of natural resources, in  
2 cooperation with private and public partners, to conduct a  
3 multiyear study to determine the effectiveness of stocking wild  
4 or first-generation pheasants in the state.

5 The department, along with partners, must stock wild or  
6 first-generation pheasants in an area with suitable pheasant  
7 habitat that has a very low or no wild pheasant population.  
8 The rate at which the pheasant population changes over time  
9 in the stocked area is to be compared to the rate of change  
10 in another area where no pheasants have been stocked. The  
11 results of the study shall be published and made available to  
12 the public.

13 The department is required to collect sufficient data to  
14 confirm or revise population parameters used by the department  
15 to predict pheasant population change. A report discussing  
16 the data collected and the changes made to the department's  
17 pheasant population prediction model, if any, is to be  
18 submitted to the general assembly and made available to the  
19 public by December 31, 2015.

20 The department, in cooperation with a regents institution,  
21 is also required to conduct a study that determines the  
22 economic impact of pheasant hunting in Iowa, focusing on the  
23 impact to rural Iowa and to small communities. A report of the  
24 results of the study shall be submitted to the general assembly  
25 by December 31, 2014.

26 The duties imposed in the bill are contingent on the receipt  
27 of outside funding by the department sufficient to cover  
28 the costs associated with the studies required. The bill  
29 provisions are repealed June 30, 2018.